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# **Student Indiscipline and Student Unrest in Relation to their Socioeconomic Background Political Influence and Academic Achievement**

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### **Abstract**

*Students are the foundation of country's future and growth. They are expected to lead a disciplined and managed life. Student life is a period of character formation, enhancing knowledge and information as well as personality development but unfortunately they waste their valuable time in acts of indiscipline. The problem of unrest and indiscipline among the students growing at an alarming proportion which makes the problem more serious day by day and it reflects the growing disorder in society itself. The frustration and dissatisfaction has been widely spread in academic area and also degrade the student teacher relationship. Today indiscipline in our society has taken various shapes. These includes all forms of sexual assault, rioting, stealing and lying, cheating and examination mal practices, drug abuse, secret cults etc.*

*This paper attempt to throw light in the problems, causes of student indiscipline and unrest and its impact on academic and social life. Because this problem rising day by day and become a universal problem. There is an urgent need to understand the cause of student misbehaviour and upgrade the student teacher relationship to overall development of student and their academic achievement.*

***Keywords: Student Indiscipline, Student Unrest, Academic Achievement, Student Teacher Relationship.***

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**Introduction:** Student indiscipline and student unrest are universal problem which become burning issue of all over world. Today students in almost all educational institutions-higher secondary schools, degree colleges, medical and engineering and other professional colleges and Universities appear to be engaged in some of the violent activities and disturbed the whole educational atmosphere. Indiscipline among students often leads to a situation where the students misbehave and assault their teachers. They often take law in their own hand, organize strikes and upset the peaceful life. These strikes somehow lead to stone throwing and burning of buses and railway stations. Student indiscipline is a symptom of a deep seated disease. The future of a country depends upon the young generation. But due to

student indiscipline the goal of achieving value and moral education is become impossible and hamper the academic side of students. Due to student indiscipline the morality has been degraded and this situation leads to serious problems of student unrest which makes the students frustrated thus, they evolved in agitations as well participate in different anti-social activities.

**Statement of the problem:** The problem has been entitled as Student Indiscipline and Student Unrest In Relation To Their Socioeconomic Background, Political Influence and Academic Achievement. The aim of the paper is to study the causes of student indiscipline and unrest and its impact on education and social life. This paper is also directed towards the study about different factors which influence these problems and disturb the smooth functioning of academic sessions if students.

**Significance of the problem:** Today the problem of student indiscipline and unrest become a universal problem. In most schools and colleges students become agitated and assaulted the teachers and breaks the rules and discipline as well as management. It creates an unexpected situation and creates disturbances in education.

According to A.S Patel in his book Poverty Progress and Development (2012) Poverty is the main cause of student unrest. The high intellectuals exploits the less intelligence create the problem of student indiscipline and unrest.

Former Prime Minister Smt Indira Gandhi said on the Silver Jubilee of June University that, political excitement and economic condition are the main cause of student unrest. Aimless education gives birth to rebellious thoughts.

Therefore it is necessary to identify different conditions of student unrest and indiscipline. Today it is basic to study the students behaviour patterns and the causes if behavioural disorder. This study is significant to the present age and the study is related with different questions regarding youth unrest and its impacts in educational fields as well as providing remedies for student unrest and indiscipline.

**Definitions of terms and concepts:** The important terms and concepts used in the title of the problem are operationally defined as under-

**Student Unrest:** In the study student unrest means the unsatisfied and unpleasant attitude of the students. Involvement in antisocial activities, taking part in agitations, walks out from the examination halls, strikes, destruction of furniture etc are the significant manifestation of the deep rooted dissatisfaction among students.

**Student Indiscipline:** Here, student indiscipline is the unexpected behaviour pattern of the students, breakdown of rules and regulations, lack of self-control, restraint and unwillingness to comply with intelligent rules and regulations.

**Socioeconomic backgrounds** indicates the societal and economic status of the family of the students who are involved in unrest.

**Academic Achievement:** In the present study academic achievement refers to the examination outcomes or results of the students in an academic sessions.

**Objectives:**

- To give a clear idea about student indiscipline and student unrest.
- To discuss the factors which influence the student indiscipline and a creates unrest problems
- To study the impact of student indiscipline in their academic achievement and social life.

**Review of Related Literature:**

**Channaveer. R M** (2010) conducted a study on social and economic perspective of youth unrest. The result of the study shows that the propositions of student unrest reveal that transitional features of the society, social disorganization, value crisis and poor socialisation as a factor of social change have contributory role to unrest phenomenon. Economic perspective explain that the financial problem of the student, excess output of educated youth and massive unemployment have created frustration, deprivation and despair among students resulting in unrest.

**Singh Babita** (2013) conducted a study of student unrest among graduates in relation to their gender, intelligence, adjustment and educational stream. The result of the study shows that there is no significant difference in the level of student unrest between male and female students at graduate levels.

**Sharma Ravi** (2015) conducted a study on the indiscipline among the students. He discussed the problem of indiscipline among the students. He also discussed some of the causes and remedial measures for this problem. According to him student indiscipline leads too many problems such as random strikes, misbehaviour, copying during examination etc. To remove such frustration he said that there is a need of hope, encouragement, sympathy and some idealism as well as ideal teacher who may able to understand the causes of student indiscipline.

**Research Methodology:** Descriptive Method is used in the study.

**Source of data collection:** Books Journals and articles and websites are used as sources of data collection.

**Causes of student indiscipline and unrest:** Causes of Student Indiscipline and unrest among students rising day by day which threaten the future and growth of country. Due to social unrest the youngsters become frustrated and helpless to solve the problems so they are take an active part in agitations and use unfair means inside and outside their educational institutions. As a result of unrest they are very much distressed and depressed so that they may not able to give their contribution towards the development of the society. Student unrest has become a social problem and creates disturbances in academic achievement. It leads to serious problem such as- strikes, misbehaviour, copying during examination, sexual assault, rioting stealing and lying, cheating and examination malpractice, drug abuse, screte cults, boycotts of classes.

Student indiscipline also takes forms such as gheroing the principal or beating up the invigilators. and strikes have somehow lead to stone throwing, damaging properties and burning of buses and the railway stations. Some of the significant causes of student Indiscipline and unrest as well as its impact on education is discussed below.

**Poverty:** "Poverty is the mother of all bad evil". It is the worst form of violence. Poverty is general scarcity, dearth or state of one who lacks a certain amount of material possessions of money. Due to poverty people are not merely able to gratify their basic needs and also deprive from education. The people suffering from poverty may not able to contribute towards national development. Poverty decrease child's readiness for school through aspects of healthy ,home life, schooling and neighbourhood's. Children from low income families often do not receive stimulation to get education. Poverty presents a chronic stress for children and families. Children from low income families are at risk for academic and social problem, which effect their educational achievement. Children in poverty are at much greater risk of leaving school without graduating. These misleading the students and give negative outlooks which cause the problem of unrest.

**Unemployment:** Due to lack of job opportunities the youth become hopeless. Even education is slowly losing its value in the minds of people and many talented youth are living a depressed life. The depression and insurgency pushed the youths towards terrorism. Being a part of such arrangement has become an easy source of income for the youngsters. Thus, every passing year the number of such small terrorist group has been increased. Unemployment not only create disturbance among the society but also grater impact is seen in educational field. They are become morally and emotionally degrade and lazily spent their time. Often they become violent and commit social offence as they not able to get job of their satisfaction. The system of education cannot fulfill their needs as they losing their trust from education and take active part in agitations.

**Drug Addiction:** With over one billion population India records for being one of the most populated countries in the world and second country with the highest HIV/AIDS records. Regular drug users can have difficulty choosing between right and wrong. Prolonged drug habits damaged specific parts of their brain which for moral processing and evaluating emotions. Poor judgement about moral situations can lead to poor decision making and subsequent anti-social behaviour. They provide less concentration towards education and spent a lazy life. In educational achievement they cannot able to give their support and ruined their life as well as also encouraged other people to give them company. Thus, students are accompanied with the drug and create worrisome to educational field.

**Educational Disturbance:** The poor infrastructure, lack of use of technological advancements in educational institutions and lack of educational facilities and funds cannot encourage the students towards education. This leads fear among the young people which is the main ingredient of social unrest. Classes are generally overcrowded so students do not learn many things they ought to learn from their teachers. There is a poor cordial relationship exists between student teachers.

**Defective education system:** Educational system has several defects and dissatisfaction in young men and women. Present education system neither forms the character of our students nor enables them to earn their living after completing education. As such education does not foster the growth of qualities such as initiative self-confidence etc. in youngsters. Present education system gives extreme pressure on passing examination. It encourages copying, rote learning, dependence on cheap market notes and also encourage in using unfair means in examination hall.

**Lack of basic amenities and poor standards of administrative results:** Due to lack of co-curricular activities as well as games and sports and other accessories the student become idle and dull minded and unable to effectively use their leisure time which give rise to undesirable thoughts and actions among the students. Weak administrative system is another reason for youth indiscipline. Rules and regulations are not proper as well as unable to meet the needs of students.

**Political Insurgency:** Infiltration of politics into the academic life has added flame to the fire. Political leaders use the students for their own ends. The bandhs, riots and every minor and uprising hits the schools. People may not able to concentrate on education due to frequent strikes. They take active part in movements and strikes. This disrupts the activity of schools and colleges and also interrupts in fulfilment of educational goal. Many times roads are blocked and people protest by using different unfair means in agitations. Thus students are not able to go to their educational institution which stressed them and thus they losses their educational inspiration.

**Inequality:** Due to inequality the women sector of the society suffer from inferiority and become dissatisfied. The women sector is the most integral part of the society but due to inequality they are depressed and this disrupts the social order and it causes unrest among them.

#### **Suggestions for reducing student indiscipline and unrest:**

**Awareness:** It is time to create awareness among the people towards the problem raising out of student unrest. People must give more concentration on developmental activity rather than participate in agitations. The Village Committees, Gram Panchayat, Voluntary Organization, Non-Governmental Organization should take responsibilities and try to convince the local people towards developmental activities. They must organize workshops, seminars and give the knowledge to the local people how to develop their life through recreational activities.

**Removing Unemployment:** The criminal activities among the students have increased at an alarming rate. Entrepreneurship can be constructive solution's to the unemployment. The setting up of medium and small enterprises will be generated the employment in a large number. The hand loom, agriculture, dairy, food processing are some of the industries which have immense growth potential in India. Once the youth are engaged in formal work, the small terrorist outfits will stop growing and also losing its strength.

**Guidance and Counseling:** Lack of guidance and counseling services is a major cause of indiscipline and students in secondary schools. There is an urgent need of providing guidance and counseling services in all secondary schools for enhancement of total growth and development of the youth. The aim of guidance and counseling program should providing information and skills to develop self-awareness and optimal use of student's potential for holistic growth and development. Guidance and counseling program may help the students in social and emotional adjustment and improve the quality and standards of education. It develop abilities like self-understanding, decision making, life planning, social competencies etc.

**Quality Education:** Enhancement of quality education may help in reducing dissatisfaction from the society. There is a need for adequate provision for industrial, technical and vocational education. The education system must be revitalized and reconstructed and also need to be suitable and effective to meet the needs of time and conditions of human life. Student Centric education is needed to deal with the hopes and aspirations of students.

**Recreational activities:** Recreational activities may be a strong way of reducing dissatisfaction and indiscipline. Once people may able to utilize their leisure time through recreational activities, then they may not spent their valuable time in anti-social activities. The NGO must take initiative in leading the people in right direction and eradicating the currently existing social disorder. They must provide enough knowledge about recreational activities through which the youngsters may able to earn money and spent their valuable time in utilization of natural resources. It will make one well-reasoned, aware, self-respecting, civilized and wise.

**Skill Development:** Skill development programme may be one of the strong mean of reducing student unrest. People losing their values from education because present education is not able to fulfil the needs and requirements of youngsters. Keeping this view The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDG) and major universities of India have deals to introduce skill based training in undergraduate and post graduate programmes. The Student will be given a choice to select any one of skill based course from the identified sectors in addition to the regular academic subjects.

**Good Upbringing:** Wrong Upbringing may misleading the children. Deprivation of proper love, care and attention makes the children undisciplined. The child will start to show his tantrums everywhere. When he will grow up he will start to show tantrums behaviour towards his teachers, friends and other unknown people. This may also take the shape of strikes and riots in schools and colleges. It is the responsibility of parents to teach their children to adjust in every situation and develop the human qualities. They must try to understand their feelings and emotions.

**Conclusion:** Students are the promises of tomorrow. They are our country's future. But today student indiscipline become a growing and burning issue all over the world which creates threats to the education system of our country. Family environment has a greater effect on students. If child's family life is unsettled for instance separated parents, broken

home, alcoholic father, unemployment parents as well as lack of love and affection, poor housing activities and lack of proper attention may influence the students life and depressed the students mentally. They are unable to share their emotions and feelings as well as their parents are unable to spent quality time with their children so that there is a distance arise among them which effect is seen in their school life. Sometime parents are too busy in earning money and status and give less attention to their children. Thus a distance arise among parents and children which affect them negatively. Therefore if the students are not guided at the correct stage then this may create danger to the society. Good teaching, smart classes, good parental attitude, updated system of examination, facilities for games and sports and other constructive activities and job oriented education and clean and efficient administrative well go a long way towards solving the problem of discipline. Close rapport between student teachers is essential for the solving of this problem. Teachers must learn to be gave well with the students and to identify their weakness and strengths and need to be deal with utmost love and care. We alone cannot remove this problem from the society but we the people must need strong and honest government as well as performing administration to reduce this problem. We may also take the opinion of intellectuals, professionals, and senior people who have a strong sense of society development.

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